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Public Agency: Golden Hills Community Services District
Address: 21415 Reeves Street
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Contact: Christopher Carlson
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025080814

Project Title: Nature Park Master Plan

Project Applicant: Golden Hills Community Services District

Project Location (include county): Tehachapi, Kern County, CA

Project Description:

See attached Project Description

This is to advise that the Golden Hills Community Services District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 10/16/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

GHCSO Office located at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: General Manager

Date: 10/16/25 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 10-17-2025
Revised 2011
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

Project Background and Purpose

The community of Golden Hills lies in the unincorporated area of Kern County bordering the growing city of Tehachapi to the east. The community provides an abundance of open space and natural environments for its residents to enjoy. The Project site presently contains the Golden Hills Nature Park (Nature Park), with only passive uses currently provided. The Nature Park, formerly known and used as the Golden Hills Country Club (GHCC), was purchased by the District in 2014 and has been maintained since. Prior to the purchase, the property was not used or maintained since the early 1990s. Since 2014, the District has formed committees and held public workshops focused on gathering and organizing the public's ideas as to what the property could become. The Nature Park is currently being used by regional residents for walking, running, bicycling, horseback riding, and bird watching. The site has seen minor improvements such as the installation of picnic and park benches, informational signage, fencing, and stormwater management and debris removal. The Golden Hills Nature Park Master Plan has been developed over the course of the years since property purchase, and this document would be another step towards providing additional recreation activities envisioned to benefit more residents of the Golden Hills community.

Project Description

The District proposes to adopt and carry out the Nature Park Master Plan, which seeks to develop the existing passive Golden Hills Nature Park, formerly known as the Golden Hills Country Club. Proposed development would include a new District office, community center, maintenance building, and outdoor recreational facilities. The overall approximate footprint for the three buildings is 50,000 square feet.

Recreational facilities would be built out in approximately five phases, with each phase described below:

- Phase 1
 - Approximately 2-acre Passive Area Parking Lot and approximately 5,000 square foot Pavilion, located at the northeast corner of Westwood Boulevard and Woodford-Tehachapi Road.
 - Approximately 2 miles of horse trails, connecting to the parking lot and through the Nature Park property.
- Phase 2
 - Approximately 5,600 square foot pavilion.
- Phase 3
 - 0.67-acre Dog Park.
 - Two multi-use courts.
 - 2,500 square foot pavilion.
 - 3,000 square foot playground area.
- Phase 4
 - Two multi-use fields on approximately 8.1 acres.
- Phase 5
 - Access roads connecting the Passive Area Parking Lot from Phase 1 to 3.

The phasing implementation of the recreation facilities may be adjusted based on funding available.

Construction Schedule

Construction would generally take place daily from 6:00am to 9:00pm on weekdays and 8:00am to 9:00pm on weekends, per the permitted construction times in Kern County.

Equipment

Construction equipment would likely include the following equipment listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Anticipated Construction Equipment

| Anticipated Construction Equipment | |
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| Excavators | Compactors |
| Graders | Bulldozer |
| Skid steers | Large tractor and large discing unit |
| Loaders | Water trucks supplying water for dust control and conditioning soil for compaction |
| Hauling trucks | Large watercannon and hoses |
| Scrapers | |

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance (O&M) of the park area would be handled by the District. O&M would include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Mowing – Mowing each side of trail where applicable.
- Pruning - Prune woody limbs and shrubs near sides of trail.
- Vegetation management of the California bulrush within Tom Sawyer Lake.
- Removal of Trees/Limbs - Evaluation/removal of unhealthy or dead trees and limbs. Fallen trees may remain as access control and to minimize disturbance.
- Signage - Maintain directional and informational signs.
- Trail Surface – Restore, regrade, clean and/or resurface when necessary.
- Drainage Structures - Clean inlets, keep swales clear of debris.
- Litter Pick Up - Trailside-litter pickup. Access area litter pickup. Encourage continued user "carry-in, carry-out" policy.
- Trash Collection - Removal of trash from receptacles at access areas.
- Minor bridges and structure Inspection - Maintenance of bridge, overlook and trailhead structures to ensure structural integrity and public safety.
- Lighting – maintain functional safety lighting (replace luminaires, repair outages)
- Landscape irrigation